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Remarks/Arguments

The Office has rejected claims 1-29 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being anticipated by Chow in view of either “PL/SQL User’s Guide and Reference” or “PL/SQL Enhancements Planned for Future Oracle Releases.” Applicant has canceled claims 1-22 and 27-29, reserving the right to continue its pursuit of these claims at another time. Applicant asks the Office to reconsider this application and to allow all of the remaining claims.

As pointed in Applicant’s original reply in September 2004, Chow does not show, nor does he even suggest, a database system comprising a plurality of “nodes” with an “evaluator module” in a first node and an “access module” in a second node. Rather, Chow shows a client-server approach in which compound statements are executed “entirely” on the server side. (Col. 3, lines 15-19.) As interpreted by the Office, the client in Chow is a “first node” and the server is a “second node.” However, since all evaluator and access functions in Chow are executed “entirely” on the server (“second node”) side, Chow does not meet Applicant’s limitation of having an evaluator module in a first node and an access module in a second node, and all of claims 23-26 are patentable over Chow.

Like Chow, neither of the “PL/SQL” publications shows or suggests an “evaluator module” in a first node and an “access module” in a second node. As a result, combining these references with Chow still does not yield all elements of Applicant’s claims, and the claims are allowable over this combination of references. Applicant therefore asks the Office to allow all of the claims.

Conclusions

All of Applicant's claims are allowable over the art of record. Applicant therefore asks the Office to reconsider this application and to allow all of the claims. Please apply any charges that might be due, excepting the issue fee but including fees for extensions of time, to deposit account 14 0225.

Respectfully,

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